factorily and to pass a colloquial examination in the vernacular language of the district in which he is employed.

Report should be made to Government when Probationary Assistants pass the prescribed examination entitling them to the higher rate of pay in view to the publication of the requisite notification in the *Government Gazette*.

(G. R. No. 4140, dated 18th July 1881.)

## VII.—FOREST OFFICERS.

1. His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council is pleased to prescribe the following rules for the examination of officers of the Forest Department in the Bombay Presidency, in supersession of the rules contained in Government Notification No. 2878, dated 4th June 1880, published at pages 535 and 536 of the *Bombay Government Gazette* of 10th idem, Part I, as amended by Government Notifications noted in the margin :—

No. 5142, dated 29th September 1880, published at page 782 of the *Bombay Government Gazette* of 30th idem, Part I.

No. 5510, dated 3rd August 1886, published at page 649 of the *Bombay Government Gazette* of 5th idem, Part I.

1. Forest officers will be required to pass examinations in the following subjects :—

(*a*) Languages (according to the Lower and Higher Standards prescribed for Junior Civilians).

(*b*) Land Revenue.

(*c*) Forest Law.

(*d*) Procedure and Accounts.

2. Examinations in all the subjects will be held in April and October of every year before the Central Committee for Departmental Examinations, to which a Conservator of Forests or a Deputy Conservator of Forests in charge of a Circle will be appointed from time to time as an additional member. Examinations in languages alone will be held in January and July before the Sub-Committee for Vernacular Examinations of the Central Committee for Departmental Examinations.

3. Every officer shall present himself for examination according to the Lower Standard in the language of the division in which he is serving at the latest, at the first meeting of the Central Committee after he has been nine months in the service in this country, whether as Assistant Conservator of Forests, Second Grade, or as Extra Assistant Conservator of Forests, Fourth Grade, and he shall be placed under stoppages of 10 per cent. of his pay should he fail to pass within 18 months of the date of his joining the service in the Presidency.

4. No officer will be eligible for promotion out of the grade of Assistant Conservator of Forests,

Second Grade, or of Extra Assistant Conservator of Forests, Fourth Grade, as the case may be, until he has passed a further examination in the language of his division according to the Higher Standard, and has qualified in—

(*a*) Land Revenue

(*b*) Forest Láw

(*c*) Procedure and Accounts

according to the tests prescribed in Rule 6.

5. For the purposes of these rules, the following languages shall be held to be those of the different Forest Circles :—

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| Central | ... | ... | Maráthi. |
| Southern | ... | Ratnágiri, Kolába and Belgaum. | Maráthi. |
| | | Dhárwár, Bijápur and Kánara. | Kánarese. |
| Northern | ... | East and West Thána. | Maráthi. |
| | | Surat and the Panch Maháls. | Gujaráti. |
| Sind | ... | ... | Sindhi. |

In the case of the Circles against which two languages are entered, the language of the division in which the Forest officer is serving will be the language in which he will be required to pass.

6. The test in Land Revenue, Forest Law, and Procedure and Accounts will be as follows :—

*Land Revenue.*

Act No. V of 1879, entitled the Bombay Land Revenue Code, Chapters I and II ; of Chapter V, Sections 37 to 44 ; of Chapter VI, Section 62, Clause 2 ; and Chapter IX ; Rules 35 to 37, 91 to 98B (Trees) and 100 to 106 (Boundary marks) of the Rules under Section 214 of the Bombay Land Revenue Code.

*Forest Law.*

Act No. VII of 1878, the Indian Forest Act, 1878, as modified up to date, with all the rules published and in force at the time being under different sections of that Act.

*Procedure and Accounts.*

Not more than 12 questions from—

(*a*) Such portions of the Forest Department Code as have been applied to the Bombay Forest Department.

(*b*) The standing orders and rules of the Forest Department of the Presidency.

(*c*) Rules which have been published under the Sea Customs Act, 1878, the Arms Act XI of 1878, the Abkári Act V of 1878 and are in force at the time being and apply to the Forest officers in the Forest Department of the Presidency.

7. In addition to the examination above described, any officer of the Forest Department of less than 15 years' standing who may be transferred

Second Grade, or of Extra Assistant Conservator of Forests, Fourth Grade, as the case may be, until he has passed a further examination in the language of his division according to the Higher Standard, and has qualified in—

(*a*) Land Revenue

(*b*) Forest Láw

(*c*) Procedure and Accounts

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*Forest Law.*

Act No. VII of 1878, the Indian Forest Act, 1878, as modified up to date, with all the rules published and in force at the time being under different sections of that Act.

*Procedure and Accounts.*

Not more than 12 questions from—

(*a*) Such portions of the Forest Department Code as have been applied to the Bombay Forest Department.

(*b*) The standing orders and rules of the Forest Department of the Presidency.

(*c*) Rules which have been published under the Sea Customs Act, 1878, the Arms Act XI of 1878, the Abkári Act V of 1878 and are in force at the time being and apply to the Forest officers in the Forest Department of the Presidency.

7. In addition to the examination above described, any officer of the Forest Department of less than 15 years' standing who may be transferred

from one division to another division, in the language of which he has not passed either according to the Lower or Higher Standard, will be required to pass an examination according to the Lower Standard in the vernacular of his new division, within one year of his transfer; and in the event of his failing to do so, a reduction of 10 per cent. will be made from his salary until he has qualified, or has been transferred to another division, in the vernacular of which he has previously passed.

8. Officers of the Upper Controlling Staff of the Forest Department may, with the previously obtained permission of Government, offer themselves for examination in any one or more of the languages of the Forest Circles of the Presidency mentioned above in addition to those in which they may be required to pass under Rules 4 and 7, and in the event of their passing, will be entitled to the following language allowances:—

Rs. 250 for passing in the Lower Standard.

Rs. 500 for passing in the Higher Standard, subject to a deduction of any allowance already drawn for passing in the same language by the Lower Standard.

9. No Forest officer will be permitted to present himself for examination by two standards in the same vernaculars simultaneously.

(G. Ns. Nos. 2, dated 3rd January 1894, and 9775, dated 29th November 1894.)

**2.** It is not deemed necessary to extend to the forest service the rules which grant rewards for attainments in the classical languages of India—Sanskrit, Arabic and Persian; nor is it necessary to encourage the acquisition of Urdu, beyond a thorough colloquial knowledge, coupled with a moderate facility in reading and writing it. But the acquisition of, or a higher degree of proficiency in, such languages as Punjabi, Pushtu, Burmese, or other spoken languages is of as great benefit in the case of forest officers as it is in any other branch of the public service. It is therefore decided that whenever by any general or local rules a reward is sanctioned for the acquisition of, or for proficiency in, any spoken or useful native language or dialect, such rules shall be held applicable to all European forest officers, provided that when any officer desires to qualify himself for such reward, he shall first obtain the permission of the local Government or Administration under which he is serving, and the Government will decide whether the language is one, the acquisition of, or high proficiency in, which will be useful to the officer in the district in which he is employed, and will increase his efficiency as an officer of the Forest Department. (G. I., A. R. and C., No. 4-245, dated 9th March 1874; *vide* G. R. No. 1440, dated 19th idem.)

**3.** The departmental examination of Forest officers in Sind should be held in that province instead of at Bombay or Poona. (G. R. No. **2114**, dated 23rd April 1876.)

**4.** The Deputy Conservator of Forests in Sind Circles is authorized to set to the candidates in that province questions in that subject for the examination of Forest officers which comprises the Departmental rules, accounts and standing orders relating to forests and official business, as the system of accounts and departmental rules in Sind differs from that in force in the rest of the Presidency. (G. R. No. 6459, dated 30th August 1883.)

**5.** No person, being a European or of European extraction, shall be deemed eligible for appointment to the post, substantive or officiating, of Extra Assistant Conservator of Forests, unless he shall have passed an examination according to the Higher Standard test in one at least of the vernacular languages of the Bombay Presidency. (G. R. No. 9258, dated 18th November 1885.)

**6.** The rules for the examination of Forest officers in this Presidency should be enforced in the case of temporary as well as permanent promotions, and no temporary promotion even should be granted until an officer has passed his examination. (G. R. No. 7086, dated 20th September 1889.)

## VIII.—CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

**1.** Native Assistant Commissioners of the Customs Department are not required to pass in a native language, except when the language of the district in which they are employed is other than their vernacular language. (G. R., G. D., No. 366, dated 12th February 1869.)

**2.** The rules regulating the examination of the subordinate establishments of Government in the Revenue, Magisterial and Police Departments are not applicable to the Customs Department. (G. R. No. 5195, dated 27th November 1869.)

**3.** In addition to the educational test which regulates admission of candidates into the Customs Department, a second examination, both oral and written, in matters pertaining to the Department as noted in the margin should be required within two years of entering the service. (G. R. No. 515, dated 27th June 1870.)

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| Land and Sea Customs.<br>Salt.<br>Opium.<br>Port Dues.<br>Registry.<br>Passengers.<br>Spirits. | Arms and ammunitions, together with forms of accounts and rules of the Salt and Customs Department in force. |

There is no objection to the subordinates in the Customs Department being examined at the same time as the collectorate examinations are held, but the examinations must be conducted by a distinct Committee of Customs Officers. It is left optional with the Customs Department to determine the places at which the examinations are to be held each year, the same being notified beforehand. (G. Rs. No. 2917, dated 20th June 1873, and No. 5650, dated 16th November 1870.)

## IX.—SALT OFFICERS.

**1.** The following rules for the examination of officers of the Salt Department are published for general information :—